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Rosin-Fatty Acid Vinylic Polyamide Polymer Resins

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT NO.	<u>PATENTEE</u>	ISSUE DATE
3,412,115	Floyd et al.	11/19/68
3,778,394	Lovald et al.	12/11/73
4,111,877	Dixon et al.	09/05/78
4,487,940	Sekmakas et al.	12/11/84
4,526,915	Sekmakas et al.	07/02/85
4,870,139	Kveglis et al.	09/26/89
5,026,755	Kveglis et al.	06/25/91
5,180,782	Stone et al.	01/19/93
5,183,847	El-Hefnawi et al.	02/02/93
5,420,229	Burke et al.	05/30/95
5,656,679	Hutter	08/12/97
5,693,702	Hutter	12/02/97
6,069,275	Schachat et al.	05/30/00
RE. 28,533	Drawert et al.	08/26/75

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/661,278, entitled "Rosin-Fatty Acid Vinylic Polyamide Polymer Supported Latices" by G. F. Hutter. Filed 9/14/00.

United Kingdom Patent No. 1,236,088. New Polyamides and Their Use. Issued: 02/16/72.

Halbrook, N. J., R. V. Lawrence, R. L. Dressler, R. C. Blackstone, and W. Herz. Structure and Stereochemistry of Diels-Alder Adducts of Levopimaric Acid. *Journal of Organic Chemistry* Vol. 29: 1017-1021. 1964.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patents Nos. 4,870,139, 5,026,755 and 5,183,847 relate to the production of graft polymers and the relevance thereof is discussed in the above-referenced patent application.

British Patent No. 1,236,088 and U.S. Patents Nos. 3,412,115, 3,778,394 and Re. 28,533 relate to the production of polyamides and the relevance thereof is discussed in the above-referenced patent application.

Commonly assigned, pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/661,278 relates to the production of rosin-fatty acid vinylic polyamide polymer supported latices.

The remaining patents and other documents are cited as being representative of the state of the art in this area.

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These citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims; they are cited only as constituting the closest art of which the applicant is aware.

Respectfully Submitted,

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